

or cooperative agreements, carry out the marketing duties described in subsection (b)(1), with priority given to those entities who have established expertise in the recruitment of disadvantaged youth, members of Indian tribes, and members of the Baby Boom generation.

“(e) CAMPAIGN TO SOLICIT FUNDS.—The Corporation, through the Director of the Office, may conduct a campaign to solicit funds for itself to conduct outreach and recruitment campaigns to recruit a diverse population of service sponsors of and participants in programs and projects receiving assistance under the national service laws.

“(f) REPORTING.—The Director of the Office shall complete a report annually to the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors on its activities and results.”.

**SEC. 1707. STUDY TO EXAMINE AND INCREASE SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS AND VETERANS PARTICIPATION IN SERVICE CORPS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO DEVELOP PILOT PROGRAM.**

(a) PLANNING STUDY.—The Corporation for National and Community Service shall conduct a study to identify—

- (1) specific areas of need for veterans;
- (2) how existing programs and activities carried out under the national service laws could better serve veterans and veterans service organizations;
- (3) gaps in service to veterans;
- (4) prospects for better coordination of services;
- (5) prospects for better utilization of veterans as resources and volunteers; and
- (6) methods for ensuring the efficient financial organization of services directed towards veterans.

(b) CONSULTATION.—The study shall be carried out in consultation with veterans' service organizations, the Department of Veterans Affairs, State veterans agencies, the Department of Defense, and other individuals and entities the Corporation considers appropriate.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Corporation shall submit to Congress a report on the results of the planning study required by subsection (a), together with a plan for implementation of a pilot program using promising strategies and approaches for better targeting and serving veterans.

(d) PILOT PROGRAM.—From amounts made available to carry out this subsection, the Corporation shall develop and carry out a pilot program based on the findings in the report submitted under subsection (c).

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

**Subtitle H—Amendments to Subtitle H**

**SEC. 1801. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO SUBTITLE H.**

(a) ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE.—Subtitle H is amended by inserting after the subtitle heading and before section 198 the following:

**“PART I—ADDITIONAL CORPORATION ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SERVICE”.**

(b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 198 (42 U.S.C. 12653) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection (r)” and inserting “subsection (g)”;
- (2) in subsection (b), by striking “national service programs, including service-learning programs, and to support innovative and model programs, including” and inserting “service-learning programs and national service programs, including”;
- (3) by striking subsections (c), (d), (e), and (f);
- (4) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (c);
- (5) by striking subsections (h), (i), and (j);

(6) by redesignating subsection (k) as subsection (d);

(7) by striking subsections (l) and (m);

(8) by redesignating subsections (n) and (o) as subsections (e) and (f), respectively;

(9) by striking subsections (p) and (q);

(10) by redesignating subsection (r) as subsection (g); and

(11) by redesignating subsection (s) as subsection (h).

**SEC. 1802. REPEALS.**

The following provisions are repealed:

(1) CLEARINGHOUSES.—Section 198A (42 U.S.C. 12653a).

(2) MILITARY INSTALLATION CONVERSION DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS.—Section 198C (42 U.S.C. 12653c).

(3) SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.—Section 198D (42 U.S.C. 12653d).

**SEC. 1803. INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAM SUPPORT.**

Subtitle H is further amended by adding at the end the following:

**“PART II—INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAM SUPPORT**

**“SEC. 198D. INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAM SUPPORT.**

“(a) METHODS OF CONDUCTING ACTIVITIES.—The Corporation may, through grants and fixed amount grants under subsection (c), carry out the following programs:

“(1) PROGRAMS FOR DISADVANTAGED YOUTH.—A program selected from among those listed in 122(a) where no less than 75 percent of the participants are disadvantaged youth.

“(A) COMPONENTS OF PROGRAMS.—Such programs may include life skills training, employment training, educational counseling, program to complete a high-school diploma or GED, counseling, or a mentoring relationship with an adult volunteer.

“(B) PRIORITY.—Priority shall be given to programs that engage retirees to serve as mentors.

“(2) PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON LEARNING AND THINKING SKILLS.—Service programs to solve community problems while engaging or developing 21st century learning and thinking skills (critical-thinking and problem solving, communication skills, creativity and innovation skills, collaboration skills, contextual learning skills, information and media literacy skills, and information and communications literacy) and life skills (leadership, ethics, accountability, adaptability, personal productivity, personal responsibility, people skills, self-direction, and social responsibility) for school-age youth and low income adults. This may be a summer of service program or a year-round service program. Priority shall be given to programs that collaborate with the RSVP program, the AmeriCorps programs, or the Learn and Serve programs.

“(3) PROGRAMS THAT ENGAGE YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 17.—Programs that engage youth under the age of 17 in service to the community to meet unmet human, educational, environmental, emergency and disaster preparedness, or public safety needs and may be a summer program or a year-round program. Priority shall be given to programs that collaborate with the RSVP Program and the AmeriCorps programs.

“(4) PROGRAMS THAT FOCUS ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS.—Service programs that focus on the health and wellness of the members of a low-income or rural community. Priority shall be given to service programs that work to—

“(A) involve the community in service to those who are at-risk to not receive or pursue health care through such activities as health and wellness education, prevention, and care;

“(B) include in the service program employment training, where applicable, for participants in the program and may extend this opportunity to members of the community; and

“(C) collaborate with local institutions of higher education to include, as a portion of the pre-professional training of health care profes-

sionals including nurses, doctors, physician assistants, dentists, and emergency medical technicians, a service component to meet unmet healthcare and wellness needs in the community in which the service program is being carried out.

“(5) PROGRAMS THAT REDUCE RECIDIVISM.—Programs that re-engage court-involved youth and adults with the goal of reducing recidivism. Priority shall be given to such programs that create support systems beginning in corrections facilities, and programs that have life skills training, employment training, an education program, including a program to complete a high-school diploma or GED, educational and career counseling, post program placement, and support services, which could begin in corrections facilities. The program may include health and wellness programs, including but not limited to drug and alcohol treatment, mental health counseling, and smoking cessation.

“(6) PROGRAMS THAT RECRUIT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—Demonstration projects for programs that have as one of their primary purposes the recruitment and acceptance of court-involved youth and adults as participants, volunteers, or members. Such a program may serve any purpose otherwise permitted under this Act.

“(7) OTHER INNOVATIVE AND MODEL PROGRAMS.—Any other innovative and model programs that the Corporation considers appropriate.

“(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(1) THREE-YEAR TERM.—Each program funded under this part shall be carried out over a period of three years, including one planning year and two additional grant years, with a 1-year extension possible, if the program meets performance measures developed in accordance with section 179(a) and any other criteria determined by the Corporation.

“(2) ENCOURAGEMENT.—Each program funded under this part is encouraged to collaborate with Learn and Serve, AmeriCorps, VISTA, and the National Senior Service Corps.

“(3) EVALUATION.—Upon completion of the program, the Corporation shall conduct an independent evaluation of the program and widely disseminate the results to the service community through multiple channels, including the Corporation's Resource Center or a clearinghouse of effective strategies and recommendations for improvement.

“(c) FIXED AMOUNT GRANTS.—

“(1) GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection (a), and subject to the limitations in this subsection, the Corporation may, upon making a determination described in paragraph (2), approve a fixed amount grant that is not subject to the Office of Management and Budget cost principles and related financial recordkeeping requirements.

“(2) DETERMINATION.—Before approving a fixed amount grant, the Corporation must determine that—

“(A) the reasonable and necessary costs of carrying out the terms of the grant significantly exceed the amount of assistance provided by the Corporation; or

“(B) based on the nature or design of the grant, any assistance provided by the Corporation can be reasonably presumed to be expended on reasonable and necessary costs.

“(3) MATCHING FUNDS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out a program for which a grant is made under this part may not exceed 50 percent of the total cost of the program.

“(B) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—In providing for the remaining share of the cost of carrying out such a program, each recipient of a grant under this part—

“(i) shall provide for such share through a payment in cash or in kind, fairly evaluated, including facilities, equipment, or services; and

“(ii) may provide for such share through State sources or local sources, including private funds or donated services.